

NC Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Authorization for Release of Application (OPTIONAL)

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To: United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

I hereby authorize the release of my CIG application that is in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

I authorize release of records to members of the NC NRCS State Technical Committee.

I authorize release of the following information:

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Any information in my CIG Grant Application (initial this block)

Or

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Only the following information (initial this block)

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